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\$60,000 Settlement Reached with Excello Plating Co., Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a settlement with Excello Plating Co. Inc., for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 4057 Goodwin Avenue in Los Angeles. Excello is a plating facility and as part of its operations generates various hazardous waste streams.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed in August 2004, Excello will pay DTSC \$60,000 in penalties. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Excello/Excello-Plating_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during several inspections at the Excello facility in August 2002. The following violations were noted:

- Treating waste cyanide without a permit
- Storing waste chromic acid without a permit
- Storing waste chromic acid in a tank that was leaking
- Disposal of hazardous waste (used beads with chromium VI) and polishing waste to the municipal trash bin
- Failing to properly determine if wastes were hazardous wastes
- Disposal of hazardous waste at an unauthorized location
- Failing to use a manifest for hazardous waste transported off-site
- Transferring custody of a hazardous waste to a transporter that does not hold a valid registration issued by DTSC

Excello has corrected the violations noted during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.